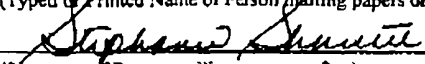


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This letter is in response to Office Action mailed December 24, 2002. Please amend the above identified patent application.

Please amend Claim 55 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

55. (Amended)An actuator device comprising:

a first and a second electro-active element each in plate form and mounted between two sheets of a stiff strong polymer, at least one of said sheets, defining a contact sheet, having a thickness of between one half mil and two mil and being clad with an electrode material on both sides; and

a first and a second conductor,

wherein said first conductor is in direct electrical contact with said first electro-active element through said contact sheet; and second conductor is in direct electrical contact with said second electro-active element through